



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

*The Office of the Governor*  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, there are many Americans of Basque origin living in the great state of Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, the Basque people have earned the respect and admiration of their fellow Idahoans by virtue of their exemplary industry, honesty and courtesy; and*

*WHEREAS, while becoming outstanding citizens of Idaho and the United States, these Basque people have preserved the best of their Basque heritage—enriching Idaho with their unique language, cuisine, sports, music, dancing and cultural events; and*

*WHEREAS, the Boise Euzkaldunak Club is hosting the fifth Basque Cultural Festival drawing international attention to Idaho's pride in her Basque people;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim July 24<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005, to be*

**BASQUE CULTURAL WEEK**

*in Idaho, and I call upon Idahoans to give recognition to the Basque heritage and culture which play such an important part in our state and to share with our Basque citizens during this week of international significance by joining them in celebrating JAIALDI 2000—the Basque Cultural Festival.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twelfth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Yursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE